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SUBJECT:

12065: GDS 4/29/88 (NEGROPONTE, John D.) OR-M CN: 3627  
MASS  
A-37'S FOR HONDURAN AIRFORCE

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ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO: AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
SECDEF EWASHDC  
JCS WASHDC  
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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. After meeting with General Alvarez April 29 to discuss status of hijacking incident, he asked to speak privately with me for a moment.
3. More in sorrow than in anger Alvarez noted he had heard reports that Salvadoran pilots being trained in Panama for use of A-37's. Alvarez then repeated by now familiar arguments in support of our helping Honduran airforce (Nicaragua threat, we must not just focus on Salvador, he must worry about morale of his most elite service, and long-term equilibrium between Honduras/Salvadoran force structures). Alvarez said Superior

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Military Council still rested its faith in USG policy-  
lead in Central America and still had confidence in our  
support; but this trust required responsiveness on our  
part. Superior Council felt this had been especially  
lacking in terms of GOH airforce ~~requests~~ requests.

4. I responded that I would look into matter once again.  
I then told Alvarez what I understood had happened to  
the airfield construction funds in the Appropriations  
Subcommittee on April 28. He looked at me as if I had  
stabbed him in the back.

5. ACTION ~~REQUEST~~ REQUESTED: I would like guidance as  
to what we can say on the additional A-37's requested by  
Honduras now that we have decided to provide them to  
Salvador. I think this issue merits a bit of special  
attention and effort on our part.

JAN  
NEGROPONTE

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